

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner further provisionally rejected claims 17-23 under the doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21, 22, 31-32, 27, and 37 of copending application no. 09/595,133. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-7 and 9 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, submitting that the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 20 accordingly, and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 17-23 under the doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21, 22, 31-32, 27, and 37 of copending application no. 09/595,133. However, application no. 09/595,133 is now abandoned. Applicants therefore request that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that all of the rejections of claims 17-23 be withdrawn. Applicants hereby earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the

basis of this amendment and feels that a telephone conference would help clear up any unresolved matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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